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Title: Need to expedite the construction of third and fourth phases of Kollam by-pass on N.H.-47 in Kerala.

SHRI P. RAJENDRAN (QUILON): The construction of Kollam by-pass as a part of NH-47 was ordered by the Union Government in 1978. Adequate land for four-lane road construction was also acquired by the State Government at the instance of the Union Government. But only two phases out of four were completed in 2003. For the last five years the work of remaining two phases is pending before the Central Government. To avoid the traffic congestion at the Kollam city, completion of the by-pass is necessary. People's representatives and Kerala Government itself have taken up the issue several times but in vain. I urge upon the Union Government to take necessary steps to construct the remaining portion, i.e., third and four phases of Koilam by-pass at the earliest.